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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING)
TITANIUM-CONTAINING)
AQUEOUS SOLUTIONS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Kindly replace claim 3, and add new claims 5-6, as follows.

3. (Amended) The method set forth in claim 2, wherein said reaction is carried out in the presence of a ketone.

5. (New) The method set forth in claim 1, wherein said reaction is carried out in the presence of a ketone.

6. (New) The method set forth in claim 5, wherein the ketone is at least one selected from the group consisting of an α -diketone, a β -diketone, an α -hydroxyketone and a carboxylic acid.

REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, all multiple dependency has been eliminated and new dependent claims 5 and 6 have been added so that the scope of the original multiple dependent claims has been preserved. It is to be understood that the revisions to the claims are solely for formalistic purposes and not with regard to patentability.

Entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration on the merits are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marked-up Claim 3

3. (Amended) The method set forth in claim [1 or 2] 2, wherein said reaction is carried out in the presence of a ketone.